

the form of grants to the State of Alaska for the benefit of rural and Alaska Native villages for the development and construction of water systems to improve conditions in such villages and to provide technical assistance relating to construction and operation of such systems.

(b) **CONSULTATION.**—The Administrator shall consult the State of Alaska on methods of prioritizing the allocation of grants made to such State under this section.

(c) **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**—The State of Alaska may use not to exceed 4 percent of the amount granted to such State under this section for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the activities for which the grant is made.

(d) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$25,000,000. Such sums shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 504. ACQUISITION OF LANDS.

Assistance provided with funds made available under this title may be used for the acquisition of lands and other interests in lands; however, nothing in this title authorizes the acquisition of lands or other interests in lands from other than willing sellers.

SEC. 505. FEDERAL SHARE.

The Federal share of the cost of activities for which grants are made under this title shall be 50 percent.

SEC. 506. CONDITION ON AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.

An authorization of appropriations under this title shall be in effect for a fiscal year only if at least 75 percent of the total amount of funds authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal year by section 308 are appropriated.

SEC. 507. DEFINITIONS.

In this title, the following definitions apply:

(1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

(2) **STATE.**—The term "State" means a State, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

(3) **WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.**—The term "water supply system" means a system for the provision to the public of piped water for human consumption if such system has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves at least 25 individuals and a draw and fill system for the provision to the public of water for human consumption. Such term does not include a for-profit system that has fewer than 15 service connections used by year-round residents of the area served by the system or a for-profit system that regularly serves fewer than 25 year-round residents and does not include a system owned by a Federal agency. Such term includes (A) any collection, treatment, storage, and distribution facilities under control of the operator of such system and used primarily in connection with such system, and (B) any collection or pretreatment facilities not under such control that are used primarily in connection with such system.

TITLE VI—DRINKING WATER RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 601. DRINKING WATER RESEARCH AUTHORIZATION.

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, in addition to—

(1) amounts authorized for research under section 1412(b)(13) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (title XIV of the Public Health Service Act);

(2) amounts authorized for research under section 409 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996; and

(3) \$10,000,000 from funds appropriated pursuant to this section 1452(n) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (title XIV of the Public Health Service Act), such sums as may be necessary for drinking water research for fiscal years 1997 through 2003. The annual total of the sums referred to in this section shall not exceed \$26,593,000.

SEC. 602. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH REVIEW.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator shall assign to the Assistant Administrator for Research and Development (in this section referred to as the "Assistant Administrator") the duties of—

(1) developing a strategic plan for drinking water research activities throughout the Environmental Protection Agency (in this section referred to as the "Agency");

(2) integrating that strategic plan into ongoing Agency planning activities; and

(3) reviewing all Agency drinking water research to ensure the research—

(A) is of high quality; and

(B) does not duplicate any other research being conducted by the Agency.

(b) **REPORT.**—The Assistant Administrator shall transmit annually to the Administrator and to the Committees on Commerce and Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report detailing—

(1) all Agency drinking water research the Assistant Administrator finds is not of sufficiently high quality; and

(2) all Agency drinking water research the Assistant Administrator finds duplicates other Agency research.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FORBES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of helping to coordinate Federal, State, and local search and rescue efforts in the crash of TWA Flight 800.

Mr. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today through Tuesday, July 23, on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FARR of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SERRANO.

Mr. GEJDENSON.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

Mr. CONDIT.

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. BONIOR.

Mr. LANTOS.

Ms. DELAURO.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SOLOMON in three instances.

Mr. ALLARD.

Mr. MARTINI.

Mr. THOMAS.

Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. HORN.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. OWENS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Ms. WOOLSEY.

Mr. TEJEDA.

Ms. KAPTUR.

Mrs. MYRICK.

Mr. BATEMAN.

Mrs. MORELLA.

Mr. STUPAK.

Mr. VISCLOSKY.

Mr. BISHOP.

Mr. HAMILTON.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

Mr. ENGEL.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.

Mr. LOBIONDO.

Mr. BENTSEN.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Ms. NORTON.

Ms. PELOSI.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

Mr. HORN.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 743. An act to amend the National Labor Relations Act to allow labor management cooperative efforts that improve economic competitiveness in the United States to continue to thrive, and for other purposes.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 64. Concurrent resolution to recognize and honor the Filipino World War II veterans for their defense of democratic ideals and their important contribution to the outcome of World War II.